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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

In re:

BLOCKFI INC., *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 22-19361 (MBK)

Jointly Administered

Adv. Pro. No. 22-01382 (MBK)

APPLICATION FOR *PRO HAC VICE* ADMISSION OF MATTHEW J. PORPORA

Pursuant to Rule 101.1 of the Local Civil Rules for the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and Rule 9010-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court, District of New Jersey, the undersigned counsel hereby seeks entry of an order granting the admission *pro hac vice* of Matthew J. Porpora, of the law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, to represent FTX Trading Ltd. (“FTX”), Alameda Research, Ltd. (“Alameda”), and their affiliated

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debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, “FTX Debtors”)² in the above-captioned chapter 11 case and adversary proceeding. In support of this application, counsel submits the attached Certification of Matthew J. Porpora, and requests that the proposed form of order submitted herewith be entered. Undersigned counsel certifies that he is admitted, practicing, and a member in good standing with the Bar of the State of New Jersey.

Dated: January 5, 2023
New York, New York

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATION OF MATTHEW J. PORPORA

I, Matthew J. Porpora, hereby certify as follows:

1. I am a partner with the law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP, which maintains an office at 125 Broad Street, New York, NY 10004.

2. I am an attorney-at-law duly admitted to practice before the courts of the State of New York and a partner with the firm of Sullivan & Cromwell, counsel for FTX Trading

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Ltd. (“FTX”), Alameda Research, Ltd. (“Alameda”), and their affiliated debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, “FTX Debtors”).² I submit this Certification in support of the accompanying Application for my admission *pro hac vice*.

3. I am and have been a member in good standing of the bar of the State of New York and have been admitted to the bar of the State of New York since 2006. I am also admitted to practice before the following courts:

- *United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit*
- *United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit*
- *United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York*
- *United States District Court for the Southern District of New York*

4. I am, and have remained, a member in good standing of the bar in each of the jurisdictions in which I am admitted to practice. No disciplinary proceedings are pending against me in any jurisdiction, and no discipline has previously been imposed on me in any jurisdiction.

5. I have obtained a copy of the Local Bankruptcy Rules and am generally familiar with such Rules. If the Application is granted, I agree to abide by this Court’s local rules and to submit myself to the disciplinary jurisdiction of this Court.

6. I further agree to pay all fees to the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and the Lawyer’s Fund for Client Protection as provided in Rule 101.1 of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

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7. I hereby designate the following member of the bar of this Court with whom the Court and opposing counsel may communicate regarding these cases: James Bromley.

8. For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully request my application for admission *pro hac vice* be granted.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Dated: January 5, 2023
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The relief set forth on the following pages is hereby **ORDERED**.

This matter having been brought before the Court on application for an Order For Admission *Pro Hac Vice*; and the Court having reviewed the moving papers of the applicant, out-of-state attorney, and considered this matter pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Proc. 78, D.N.J. L. Civ. R. 101.1 and D.N.J. LBR 9010-1, and good cause having been shown; it is:

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ORDERED that Matthew J. Porpora be permitted to appear *pro hac vice*; provided that pursuant to D.N.J. L.Civ.R. 101.1(c)(4), an appearance as counsel of record shall be filed promptly by a member of the bar of this Court upon whom all notices, orders and pleadings may be served, and who shall promptly notify the out-of-state attorney of their receipt. Only an attorney at law of this Court may file papers, enter appearances for parties, sign stipulations, or sign and receive payments on judgments, decrees or orders; and it is further

ORDERED that the applicant shall arrange with the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection for payment of the annual fee, for this year and for any year in which the out-of-state attorney continues to represent a client in a matter pending in this Court in accordance with New Jersey Court Rule 1:28-2 and D.N.J. L.Civ.R. 101.1, said fee to be deposited within twenty (20) days of the date of the entry of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the \$150.00 fee required by D.N.J. L. Civ. R. 101(c)(3) for *pro hac vice* admission to the District Court for the District of New Jersey shall also be payable within twenty (20) days of entry of this Order. Payment in the form of a check must be payable to "Clerk, USDC" and forwarded to the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey at the following address:

United States District Court District of New Jersey
Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Building
50 Walnut Street
Newark, NJ 07102
Attention: Pro Hac Vice Admissions

and it is further ORDERED that the applicant shall be bound by the Local Rules of the United State District Court for the District of New Jersey and the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure for the District of New Jersey; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk shall forward a copy of this order to the Treasurer of New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection within 5 days of its date of entry.